OLD HOME SERVICE

Ye Olde Meeting House

Fremont, New Hampshire

1800 - 1945

Sunday, August 19, 1945

Sunday, August 26, 1945

10:45 A. M., E. W. T.

Order of Service

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME

QUARTET

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER—(Followed by Lord's Prayer)

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN—2 "When Morning Gilds the Skies

OFFERTORY

ADDRESS—Hon. Norris Cotton of Lebanon, Speaker New Hampshire House of Representatives.

SPECIAL MUSIC—Quartet

SERMON—Rev. Arthur W. Webster, Pastor, First Universalist Church, Salem Mass.

HYMN—68 "Father, Again to Thy Dear Name"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ORGANIST—Dorothy T. Sanborn

QUARTET—Alma H. Smith, Nellie Davis, Bertha H. Stevenson, Lula M. Ball

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CHANGE BELL RINGING

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ORGAN PRELUDE

BELLS—"Lead Kindly Light"
"Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
"How sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

SCRIPTURE
PRAYER—(Followed by Lord's Prayer)
PRAYER RESPONSE
HYMN—5 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
OFFERTORY
BELLS
SOLO WITH BELLS—"In The Garden"
by Edith Smith

SERMON—The Rev. Charles A. Wyman, Manager
Universalist Publishing House
16 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

HYMN—38 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE—Bell Ringing

MUSIC by Church of Christ Guild of Change Bell
Ringers, Bedford, Mass.
J. William Cooper, Ringing Master
Mrs. Lewis Smith, Director

Historical Note

Fremont (the ancient Poplin) together with Brentwood was set off from Exeter in 1742, the territory (now Fremont) at the time being known as "The Rocks."

In 1707 a mill was built and known as Black Rocks Mill, and in 1725 Alexander Magoon built another mill one mile below Black Rocks Mill known as Caverly Mill.

In 1764 the territory set off from Exeter was cut into equal halves, the westerly half being incorporated June 22 of that year and named Poplin. It remained Poplin until 1854 when it was changed to Fremont.

The building of a meeting house appears to have agitated the people of the new town during the following years and many votes were taken relating thereto but the War for Independence coming on required all the men and means to be had and it was not until the year 1800 that the meeting house was finally built and stands today a splendid monument to our noble ancestors.

In 1873 by the farsighted benevolence of Miss Sarah A. Chase means were provided for holding each and every year a series of meetings.

In 1878 the fund given by Miss Chase became available and on April 11th of that year Perley Robinson, Ezra Currier, Charles W. Follett, Joseph A. Smith, William H. Gibson, Joseph B. Sanborn, Charles H. Whittier, George L. Sanborn and Cyrus A Gove met in the Old Meeting House and organized a Society for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Miss Chase's will. The meetings for many years were held in the Democratic Hall and for a time in the Union Church, the last twenty-five years in this "Ye Old Meeting House." Many of the speakers have been renowned preachers, Dr. Willard Spaulding, Mary A. Livermore, Rev. and Hon. Luther F. McKinney (many years in Congress), Dr. William H. Morrison, preached for 33 years and Julian S. Cutter for 30 years.

This Old Home Service is held under the auspices of this Society.